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Pave the Way's I-496 Intersects Education Community Event **to be Held Saturday, July 27th**

(LANSING) – Mayor Andy Schor, the City of Lansing, the Historical Society of Greater Lansing (HSGL) and the Pave the Way Advisory Council, will host a community event, Pave the Way's I-496 Intersects Education, on Saturday, July 27, 2019, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Education Child Care Center, 1715 W. Malcom X Street.

Pave the Way's I-496 Intersects Education will provide a glimpse into school life and the educational issues experienced 50 years ago. Some of the issues included bussing, desegregation, recruitment of minority teachers and the relocation of students attending schools on the west side of Lansing. There will be a number of I-496 and classroom exhibits, children activities, music, a ceremony and bus tour visiting sites impacted by the construction of I-496.

"Pave the Way's I-496 Intersects Education community event will share an important part of Lansing's history with interactive activities that the whole family can enjoy," said Mayor Schor. "I encourage Lansing residents to stop by to visit the various exhibits and join one of the bus tours visiting the many sites impacted by the construction of I-496."

In November 2018, Lansing was awarded a \$39,400 grant from the National Parks Service to tell the story of the impact of the construction of I-496 on Lansing's vibrant African American community. The community was centered on Main Street (now Malcolm X Street) and St. Joseph Street between Washington Avenue and Clare Street, prior to being displaced due the project. Pave the Way's I-496 Intersects Education is one of many events that will be held as a part of this project.

“The City of Lansing, the Historical Society of Greater Lansing and the Pave the Way Advisory Council are all working together to tell the story of a lost community neighborhood,” said Bill Castanier, president of the Historical Society of Greater Lansing. “The community support for this unique program to put together oral histories, a museum exhibit at the Library of Michigan as well as creating a robust online presence has been stunning.”

Run of Show

11:00 a.m.	I-496 exhibits, classroom exhibits, children’s activities, music and more
11:30 a.m.	Opening Ceremony
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Bus Tour #1
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Bus Tour #2

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More information can be found at: <http://lansinghistory.blogspot.com/p/paving-way-i-496.html>

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